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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - GOJ REFUSAL OF NORTHWEST FREIGHT
RATES

REF: TOKYO 6216

1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS JAPANESE NOTE TO BE NOTICE OF
DISSATISFACTION WITHIN MEANING OF BILATERAL. WHILE WE
WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO INTRODUCE A NEW BONE OF CONTENTION
INTO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE JAPANESE, WE DO NOT
CONSIDER FAILURE TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER AIRLINES OR
THE ABSENCE OF A TARIFF THE JAPANESE WANT TO BE A
SUFFICIENT GROUND FOR REJECTING PROPOSALS CONCERNING OTHER
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TARIFFS, AND MAY ULTIMATELY DECIDE TO REQUEST
CONSULTATIONS. (WE BELIEVE TARIFFS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
ON THEIR MERITS.)

2. FOR MOMENT, HOWEVER, SITUATION IS SUFFICIENTLY
CONFUSED AS TO MAKE IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS OF DOUBTFUL
VALUE. WHILE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) APPROVED IATA

AGREEMENT LAST FALL, AIRLINES DELAYED FILING IMPLEMENTING

TARIFFS PENDING APPROVAL BY OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY JAPAN, WHICH FINALLY GAVE APPROVAL IN MARCH. IN MEAN-TIME AFFECTED SHIPPERS HAVE FILED MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH CAB, AND HAVE REQUESTED FROM COURTS A STAY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF EARLIER APPROVAL. RATHER THAN RISK AN INDEFINITE STAY, CAB DIRECTED A STAY UNTIL 15 DAYS AFTER IT HAS DISPOSED OF THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION. MOREOVER, CAB IS NOW CONSIDERING AIR-LINE REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF PACIFIC FREIGHT RATES OUTSIDE IATA. IF BOARD WERE TO AGREE, AND AIRLINES THEN REACHED AGREEMENT, JAPANESE CONCERNS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE ASSUAGED.

3. WHILE WE WAIT FOR SOME OF THESE THINGS TO SORT THEMSELVES OUT, SUGGEST EMBASSY BRING TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES THAT U.S. AGENCIES HAVE THEIR NOTE OF APRIL 26 UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. USE INFORMATION ABOVE AS YOU DEEM DESIRABLE.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER EMBASSY HANDLE MATTER IN THIS FASHION RATHER THAN HAVE USDEL RAISE IT DURING CIVAIR TALKS NEXT WEEK (IN ORDER AVOID HAVING ANOTHER "IMMEDIATE" ISSUE COMPLICATE ALREADY COMPLEX SITUATION).
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